## **Leader Funds Trust**

## Leader Capital Short Term High Yield Bond Fund

**Institutional Class - LCCIX** 



## **Annual Report**

July 31, 2025

This annual shareholder report contains important information about the Leader Capital Short Term High Yield Bond Fund, Institutional Class Shares, for the year ended July 31, 2025. You can find additional information at https://www.leadercapital.com/mutual-funds/resources-info/ or (800) 711-9164. This report describes material changes to the Fund that occurred during the reporting period.

## What were the Fund costs for the year?

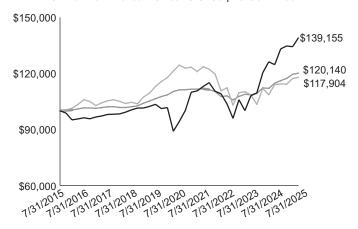
(based on a hypothetical \$10,000 investment)

	Costs of a \$10,000 investment	Costs paid as a percentage of a \$10,000 investment
Institutional Class shares	\$120	1.13%

# How has the Fund performed over the past 10 years?

Cumulative Performance of a Hypothetical \$100,000 Investment as-of July 31, 2025

- Leaders Capital Short Term High Yield Bond Fund Institutional Class
- Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index
- ICE Bank of America 1-3 Year U.S. Corp. & Govt. Index



#### **Average Annual Total Returns**

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Institutional Class shares	11.62%	8.09%	3.36%
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index <sup>(1)</sup>	3.38%	(1.07)%	1.66%
ICE BofA 1-3 Year US Corporate & Government Index	4.70%	1.56%	1.85%

(1) This index replaced the prior broad-based securities market index in order to satisfy a change in regulatory requirements.

The performance information quoted in this annual report assumes the reinvestment of all dividend and capital gain distributions, if any, and represents past performance, which is not a guarantee of future results. The returns shown do not reflect taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or on the redemption of Fund shares. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate and, therefore, an investor's shares, when

redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Updated performance data current to the most recent month-end can be obtained by calling (800) 711-9164.

Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index tracks the performance of U.S. dollar denominated investment grade corporate bond debt, government debt, mortgage-backed securities and asset-back securities issued in the U.S. domestic bond market ICE BofA 1-3 Year U.S. Corporate & Government Index tracks the performance of U.S. dollar denominated investment grade U.S. Government and corporate bond debt issued in the U.S. domestic bond market with maturities ranging between 1 and 3 years. One cannot invest directly in an index. Sector allocations are subject to change. Unlike the Fund's returns, an index does not reflect any fees or expenses.

### How did the Fund perform last year?

The Leader Capital Short Term High Yield Bond Fund Institutional Class shares returned 11.62% during the year ended July 31, 2025 versus 3.38% for its benchmark, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.

# What factors influenced performance during the past year?

- The Fund's fixed income strategy was positioned to balance risk and reward. In a high-interest rate environment, with a stable economy, relatively low unemployment, and tight credit spreads, we positioned the portfolio in the short end of the yield curve, with floating-rate securities such as CLOs serving as key contributors.
- As the Fund's investment advisor, our process is both robust and straightforward, utilizing a top-down and bottom-up approach. Rather than attempting to predict the market, we allow the market itself to guide our actions. Additionally, we apply a technical analysis framework, incorporating indicators such as the 50day, 100-day, and 200-day moving averages, RSI, MACD, and Bollinger Bands to inform our decisions.

The largest contributors and detractors to Fund performance during the year on a security basis were as follows:

#### **Top 5 Contributors**

Flagstar Financial, Inc.
Marathon CLO XIII Ltd.
Octagon 69 Ltd.
Canyon Capital CLO, Ltd.
Guggenheim 1828 CLO LLC

#### **Top 5 Detractors**

VTB Bank PJSC Via Eurasia DAC
UKRAIN 1.75 02/01/2029
B Riley Financial, Inc. 5.25
B Riley Financial, Inc. 6.00
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#### What are some Fund statistics?

#### **Fund Statistics**

Total Net Assets	\$154,336,325
Number of Portfolio Holdings	72
Investment Advisory Fees Paid	\$792,537
Portfolio Turnover Rate	182.71%

#### What did the Fund invest in?

Sector Allocation (as a % of Net Assets)		
Collateralized Loan Obligations	88.35%	
Financial	4.28%	
Mortgage-Backed Securities	3.12%	
Energy	1.65%	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1.18%	
Government	0.26%	
Closed-End Fund	0.12%	

Top Ten	Holdings	(as a	% of	Net	Assets)
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Octagon 69 Ltd.	3.94%
OZLM XIV Ltd.	3.51%
Flagstar Financial, Inc.	3.17%
Allegro CLO V-S Ltd.	3.15%
Dryden 45 Senior Loan Fund	3.15%
HONO 2021-LULU Mortgage Trust	3.12%
Bain Capital Credit CLO 2019-1	2.62%
Elevation CLO 2021-12 Ltd.	2.61%
Dryden 95 CLO Ltd.	2.59%
Parallel 2021-2 Ltd.	2.57%

## How has the Fund Changed?

The Fund did not have any material changes that occurred during the reporting period.

## **Change in and Disagreements with Accountants**

The Audit Committee of Leader Funds Trust (the "Trust") has approved and recommended to the Board of Trustees (the "Board"), and the Board has approved Tait, Weller & Baker, LLP ("Tait") to replace Sanville & Company ("Sanville") as the Funds' independent registered public accounting firm for the Funds' fiscal year ended July 31, 2025. Through the past fiscal year and through the date of Sanville's replacement as auditor of the Funds, the Funds had no disagreements with Sanville on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedures, which, if not resolved to the satisfaction of Sanville would have caused Sanville to make reference to the disagreement in a Sanville report, and there were no reportable events of the kind described in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

With respect to the Funds, Sanville's audit opinions, including for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2024, did not contain either an adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, nor were they qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles. During the last fiscal year of the Funds, neither the Funds nor anyone on their behalf has consulted Tait on items concerning the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction (either completed or proposed) or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Funds' financial statements, or concerning the subject of a disagreement of the kind described in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K or reportable events of the kind described in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

#### Additional information about the Fund

If you wish to view additional information about the Fund, including but not limited to financial statements, the Fund's prospectus, and proxy voting policies and procedures, please visit https://www.leadercapital.com/mutual-funds/resources-info/.

## Householding

Mailings of your shareholder documents may be householded indefinitely unless you instruct us otherwise. If you do not want the mailing of these documents to be combined with those for other members of your household, please call the Fund at (800) 711-9164.